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FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1751

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY MANILA

USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY SUVA

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

CINCPAC HONOLULU

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0913

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP PFOR CH PP

SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PEKING

1. PRIME MINISTER SOMARE IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE PORT MORESBY FOR MANILA OCT. 8, DEPART MANILA FOR PEKING OCT. 11, LEAVE PRC OCT. 17, GOING BY TRAIN FROM CANTON TO HONG KONG.

2. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN MUCH UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THIS TRIP. AFTER DECISION WAS MADE IN JULY THAT SOMARE SHOULD MAKE VISIT TO COUNTERBALANCE FORMIN KIKI'S TRIP TO MOSCOW, SOMARE HIMSELF APPARENTLY HAD SECOND THOUGHTS. DFAT TOLD ME SOMARE MIGHT POSTPONE PEKING VISIT TO PERMIT HIM TO ATTEND SP FORUM MEETING ON LAW OF SEA IN SUVA. NEXT WE HEARD FROM AUSTRALIANS THAT HE MIGHT PAY PRIVATE VISIT TO GREECE OR ISRAEL IN EARLY OCTOBER, WHICH WOULD POSTPONE PEKING VISIT. (AUSTRALIANS
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THOUGHT HE WAS TRYING TO AVOID PEKING VISIT.) LAST

WEEK, HOWEVER, PRC CHARGE IN CANBERRA CAME TO PORT
MORESBY AND SUCCEEDED IN NAILING DOWN SHCHEDULE
AS INDICATED ABOVE. THIS SCHEDULE IS PREDICATED ON
ASSUMPTION THAT FORMIN KIKI WILL RETURN FRON UNGA
BY OCT. 8, AND IF KIKI CANNOT RETURN BY THAT DATE
PEKING VISIT COULD YET BE CHANGED.
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